

REMARKS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on May 2, 2005. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1-29 were pending. By way of the present response Applicants have: 1) amended claims 1, 10-11, 13, 15, 20-21, and 26; 2) added no new claims; and 3) canceled claims 4-5 and 9. As such, claims 1-3, 6-8, and 10-29 are now pending. Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims now presented.

Specification

Please amend the specification as indicated above to correct typographical errors. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

Drawings

The drawings filed March 12, 2004 were objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152. In this response, Applicants have submitted corrected drawings. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Boyanov* (US 2005/0057396 A1). Applicants respectfully traverse.

However, to facilitate prosecution, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include limitations based on previously pending claim 9, and its intervening claims. Examiner indicated that claim 9, which depended indirectly from claim 1, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is patentable over *Boyanov*.

Claims 2-3, 6, 12 and 13 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-3, 6, 12 and 13 are also patentable over *Boyanov*.

Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC § 102(e) is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Boyanov*, asserting that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ *Boyanov*'s antenna in RFID applications. Claim 14 depends from amended claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 14 is patentable over *Boyanov* and ordinary skill in the art. Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Examiner rejected claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Boyanov* in view of *Izadian* (US 5,300,936). Claims 4 and 5 have been canceled. Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 15-29.

Examiner objected to claims 7-11 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Currently pending claims 7-8 and 10-11 depend from amended claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 7-8 and 10-11 are also in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call James Scheller at (408) 720-8300, x312.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), Applicant hereby requests and authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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